

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
ACKERMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Ellen M. Aoki**

**Occupation:** Pediatrician

**Education and Qualifications:** As a physician who specializes in the needs of children and families, I believe that I can be an effective advocate for the students and families of Bowman School. I have been a half-time pediatrician in Auburn for the past seven years, and this privilege has given me a unique understanding of young families in Auburn.

As a parent of young children who attend the school, I share a sense of urgency in improving all aspects of their education. I am on campus, as a parent volunteer, one or two days every week.

As a working mother, I can empathize with the employment concerns of the school staff. I am grateful to have received my entire education within the public education system, from kindergarten, through college, medical school and pediatric residency. I have a deep commitment to high-quality, sustainable public education.